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# 'Growthmanship'

Editor: I would like to inform  
 Hartford that the term  
 "growthmanship" was not a catch-  
 word created by the Democrats,  
 as his letter stated on August 9.  
 Mr. Nixon and his Madison  
 boys created this "gem" for  
 a June 21, 1960, speech to the  
 St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.  
 Nelson Rockefeller made a  
 statement on June 8 which  
 charged that the American econ-  
 omy was not keeping pace with  
 the Soviet rate of economic  
 growth. In reply to that state-  
 ment, Mr. Nixon accused the Re-  
 publican critics of the present  
 administration of playing the  
 game of "growthmanship."

In the New Republic of July  
 1960, Mr. Nixon is quoted as  
 saying: "Mr. Khrushchev boasts  
 that he will catch and pass us  
 in seven years. By any projection  
 that can be applied there is no  
 possibility that the Soviet economy  
 will overtake our own at any time  
 in this century."

What Mr. Nixon failed to under-  
 stand or to believe was a Central  
 Intelligence Agency report pub-  
 lished in May, 1960, entitled,  
 "Soviet Manpower 1960-1970,"  
 which estimates the rate of growth  
 of the Soviet gross national pro-  
 duct at \$120 billion in 1950; \$225  
 billion in 1960; and \$420 billion  
 in 1970.

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